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SUBJ: GUNES NEWS CONFERENCE

1. TURK FORMIN GUNES IN 11:00 AM NEWS CONFERENCE AT GENEVA UN HEADQUARTERS SAID "TURKEY HAD TO ASSUME UNILATERALLY ITS GUARANTOR ROLE ON CYPRUS" WHEN IT BECAME EVIDENT MAVROS AND CLERIDES EVEN AFTER REQUESTED 36 HOURS RECESS FOR CONSULTATION IN CAPITALS WOULD REJECT TURKISH PROPOSALS FOR FEDERAL SOLUTION. HE ACCUSED GREEKS OF PURSUING DILATORY TACTICS, ATTEMPTING BRING CYPRUS PROBLEMS BEFORE OTHER FORA AND TRYING PUT TURKEY INTO DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

2. GUNES SAID HE DID NOT "WANT CONFERENCE TO DIE SLOW DEATH AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS BETTER TO DOT EYES AND CROSS TEES."

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3. MOST OF PRESS CONFERENCE WAS DEVOTED TO LENGTHY REVIEW BY GUNES OF CYPRUS SITUATION FROM TURKISH POINT OF VIEW. HE DENIED CHARGES OF TURKISH CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS BETWEEN JULY 30 GENEVA DECLARATION AND THIS MORNING AND SAID IF TURKISH FORCES HAD WANTED EXPAND THEIR POSITIONS THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DONE SO BY CENTIMETERS BUT BY KILOMETERS. HE ACCUSED OTHER CONFERENCE PARTNERS OF HAVING SOUGHT PREVENT CONFERENCE FORM CONSIDERING CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AS PROVIDED IN PARA 5 GENEVA DECLARATION FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

4. GUNES REFERRED ON TWO OCCASIONS TO "DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS INCLUDING LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PERSONALITY WELL KNOWN IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY" TO BRING ABOUT SOLUTION BUT SAID GREEKS AND CLERIDES UNWILLING SERIOUSLY CONSIDER TURKISH PROPOSALS. SAID THESE PROPOSALS WELL KNOWN BEFORE YESTERDAY AND THEREFORE REQUESTED DELAY FOR CONSULTATION ONLY DELAYING MANEUVER WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE CHANGED BASIC POSITION OF GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

5. GUNES CUT SHORT QUESTION PERIOD AND GAVE EVASIVE ANSWERS TO QUESTION ABOUT LATEST MILITARY ACTION ON CYPRUS, SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, AND WHETHER OTHER COUNTRIES SHARED TURKISH POSITIONS, BY SAYING HE HAD BEEN OUT OF TOUCH EXCEPT FOR PRESS REPORTS.

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